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GENERAL ADVISORY FOR COUNTY COASTAL WATERS DUE TO RUNOFF AND WATER CONTACT CLOSURE FOR LA JOLLA SHORES DUE TO SPILL

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has issued a General Advisory for the coastal waters of San Diego County due to recent rainfall. Swimmers, surfers, and other ocean users are warned that the levels of bacteria can rise significantly in ocean and bay waters, especially near storm drains, creeks, rivers, and lagoon outlets that discharge urban runoff. While many coastal storm drains within San Diego County are permanently posted with white metal warning signs, additional temporary warning signs are not posted for General Advisories. Activities such as swimming, surfing and diving should be avoided in all coastal waters for 72 hours following rain.

La Jolla Shores

An estimated 13,000-gallon sewage spill occurred this morning on Torrey Pines Road and Hillside Drive in La Jolla. The spill, which was caused by a pump station failure, started at 9:25 AM. City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department crews are working to contain the spill. The spill flowed into a storm drain that flows to the beach in southern La Jolla Shores. DEH has issued a water contact closure from La Jolla Cove to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography pier. Signs warning of sewage-contaminated water will remain posted at these locations until sample results indicate the ocean waters are safe for recreational use.

For more information on the spill, please call the City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department at 858-292-6403.

For updates call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073. OR www.earth911.org and select "Beach Water Quality"

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